# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
# LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

(a): whether the Government proposes to promote Agro and Rural Industries in the scheduled areas of the country;

(b): if so, the steps taken in this regard during the last three years;

(c): whether the Government has analysed the scope of promoting of such Industries in the scheduled districts in Orissa; and

(d): if so, the specific steps proposed to be taken in this regard during the Tenth and Eleventh Plan Periods?

## Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): For over ten years, the Government has been implementing two credit-linked subsidy schemes of employment generation, throughout the country, including the scheduled areas. These are

(i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) under which entrepreneurs are assisted in setting up village industries, in rural areas and small towns with population up to 20,000 and

(ii) Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) under which the educated unemployed youth in the rural as well as urban areas are assisted in setting up self-employment ventures. Subsidy admissible to the beneficiaries of both these schemes is released through banks in combination with the loans provided by these banks. The PMRY is implemented by the States while the REGP is implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and State Khadi and Village Industries Boards.

The other steps taken for the promotion and development of village industries throughout the country, including the scheduled areas, include :

(i) Rural Industries Service Centres Scheme (RISC) for setting up of common facility centers (CFCs) to provide infrastructural support and services to such industries;

(ii) Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging Programme (PRODIP) for improved design and packaging of village industry products; and

(iii) various types of assistance for cluster-based development of khadi and village industries under the recently approved Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI).

(c)&(d): The primary responsibility of promoting such industries, including those in the scheduled districts of Orissa, rests with the State Governments. The Central Government, however, supports and supplements the efforts of the State Governments by implementing various schemes and programmes throughout the country. Some of the important schemes included in the Tenth Plan have been mentioned in reply to parts (a)and(b) of the question. The exercise of preparing schemes and programmes for the Eleventh Plan can start only after receipt of necessary guidelines for this purpose from the Planning Commission.